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TO : Acting Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 March 1960

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - February 1960

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It was agreed to initially offer SSRC the used stencils of desired reports for printing and distribution as the Council saw fit. If this were not satisfactory, a maximum number of copies would be provided by [] to SSRC at a production-cost rate.

However, as the month ended, OTS announced it was prepared to provide the desired distribution of social science reports if aided by an NSF grant to provide for extra needed help. OTS would not disseminate pure political propaganda material.

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The arrangements are still pending.

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2. To forestall a possibly worse fate, we agreed on 26 February to accept the cozy space offered to us in [] for our move from [] Building, required by the projected stadium construction. The staff, led by the Administrative Officer, immediately started on graphic plans to squeeze into 19,400 square feet the people and equipment now occupying 29,500 square feet of floor space.

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Negotiations were also opened with Real Estate and Construction Division/OL for a two- or three-room office space []

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3. FDD's imprest fund and fiscal accounts were audited on 11 February by [] the Audit Staff. No report of her findings has as yet reached the Division.

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4. The 19th meeting of the Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications was held on 19 February. The Eastern Europe program was substantially approved with minor revisions; machine translation progress and prospects were discussed.

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5. [] was loaned to [] on TDY to augment monitoring of the expected heavy Spanish-language traffic resulting from President Eisenhower's visit to Latin America.

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[] is assisting in escorting a visiting delegation of Soviet metabolic physiologists.

6. A systematic exploitation and study project on the Chinese Communes was started in February. All available material will be used and a first report of a series is expected by June.

The Division laid the groundwork for a new coordinated report, Review of Communist Theoretical Journals, on request of PP Staff/DDP. First report was to be restrictedly issued early in March as a trial for evaluation and comment. (Copy enclosed)

A study on the food shortage in Communist China was also requested by PP Staff with a 1 April deadline.

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8. About some of our reports:

"Study of Danish Dissident Communist Party Weekly Organ" reviews the publication for the first half-year of its issuance in International Communist Developments, Summary No. 2489.

"Brief Analysis of Apparent Absence of Soviet Ambassador from Prague," in Eastern Europe Press Survey (87), contained reasons later advanced by US Embassy Prague.

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On 25 February a coordinated report on Sino-Soviet bloc comments re the testimony of the DCI and US economic experts before the Joint Congressional Economic Committee was forwarded via OO. Nothing sensational was reported.

9. Given a preview of a Chinese dictionary being prepared by NSA, we have informed that Agency we feel the work will be useful and that we would appreciate receiving copies when it is completed.

10. Another "breakthrough" in DD/P-FDD relations came during the month when it was arranged for Arabic material collected by DD/P to be transmitted directly from the field to FDD for exploitation.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report
2. Details of Personnel Actions
3. Review of Communist Theoretical Journals *

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<p>Margaret - there is a official T/O paper included in this, which should probably be detached & filed under FDD - Organiz.</p>			
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